

Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Program

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
2003 HSEES Events – Quarterly Summary *
January 1 through March 31 (First Quarter)

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

	Fixed Facility	Transportation	Total
County events this quarter:	5	4	9
Statewide events this quarter:	59	40	99

Types of Substances Released:

Adhesive

Carbon Monoxide

Mercury

Molybdenum

Paint

Pepper Spray

Sodium Tolutriazole

Solvent

Number of Victims: 14

Types of Injuries Sustained:

Respiratory irritation and eye irritation (12)

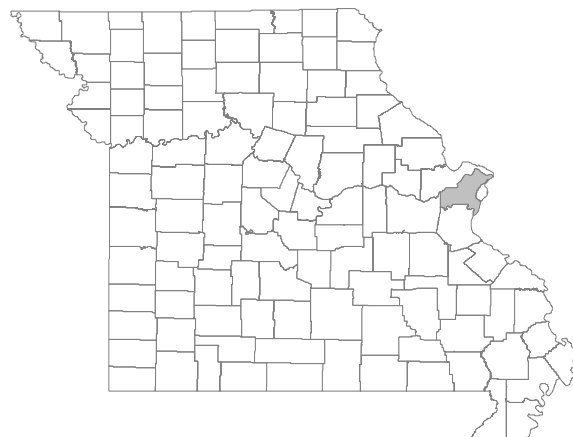
Carbon monoxide poisoning (2)

Injury Outcomes:

Treated at hospital, not admitted (14)

Number of Events with Evacuations: 4

Number of People Evacuated: 57



Interesting Events:

January 2003 – Thirty-six students at a high school were taken to a hospital after another student set off a pepper spray device in the school library. The room was evacuated for 90 minutes. Twelve students were taken to the hospital by ambulance and were treated for throat and eye irritation. The remaining students were transported by bus to various hospitals for observation. A hazardous materials team was activated for several hours.

* Preliminary data – subject to change